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A TRIBUTE TO INDIA

Wolseley MLA Rob Altemeyer, left, and Saroj Nagpal watch as artist Ashwani Nagpal, right, and Brian Gasenzer unveil Winnipeg's latest mural on the wall of the India Palace restaurant on Ellice Avenue on Thursday. Named "India — Wonders and Wisdom," the mural pays homage to Mahatma Gandhi, the Taj Mahal — one of the wonders of the world — and the lotus plant, a symbol of prosperity. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Workers to be named

Phoenix Sinclair. Union had sought publication ban on welfare employees' identities at public inquiry into child's death

Dozens of Manitoba social workers who dealt with a young girl who died of abuse and neglect will not be anonymous when they testify at a public inquiry into her death.

Inquiry commissioner Ted Hughes rejected a request Thursday from the social workers' union for a publication ban on the identities of the workers. The union had argued that having the workers named could expose them to harassment and make it harder for child welfare to retain and attract employees.

"The public will be educated about a system which is often shrouded in secrecy. Central to this inquiry is the question of why a young child was dead for nine months before authorities ... became aware," Hughes said in a written decision.

"Exactly who played a role in Phoenix's life, through the provision of child-welfare services and otherwise, is not a trivial part of Phoenix's story."

The Manitoba Government and General Employees Union was disappointed with the ruling, but said it would not appeal it.

The inquiry is to start in September and some identities will be protected. Hughes ruled Thursday a publication ban will apply to seven people who called child-welfare offices with concerns about Phoenix over the years.

Phoenix spent most of her life in foster care before being returned to her mother, Samantha Kematch, in 2004. The girl suffered near-constant abuse by Kematch and her boyfriend Karl McKay.

Phoenix died when she was five years old after a brutal assault in June 2005 in the basement of the family's home on the Fisher River reserve north of Winnipeg. Her death went undetected for nine months.

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What's a wake without a Starbucks brew?

Would a premium cup of Starbucks coffee be a great deal of comfort after a funeral? Go to metronews.ca to find out why one funeral home in the U.S. seems to think so.

Mobile news

Dogs are judged on the way they mount, their speed, stamina and dismount — so says the announcer at The Humpy Awards. Does this sound like a real award celebrating the natural behaviour of pooches or something else? Scan the code to find out more.

Ice cream. Store dishes out a taste of Manitoba

Winnipeg is looking at another week of 30 C weather, and Cold Stone Creamery (CSC) has a solution to break the heat.

Strawberries, bananas, and whipped topping on top of creamy strawberry ice cream is the recipe for Manitoba Red River Flare, shown at right, one of CSC's ten provincial signature creations in celebration of National Ice Cream Day on Sunday.

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"We wanted to honour the landmark," said Michelle Robichaud, manager of public relations for Tim Hortons and CSC. "Each of the different provincial creations are based on the people, places, and preferences of each province — in Manitoba there's a real preference for bananas."

Winnipeggers can try any of the provincial creations at any Cold Stone Creamery location starting Sunday. **LAUREN PARSONS/METRO**

Texting. Driving ban is not working, survey says

Two years after Manitoba banned talking and texting on a cellphone while driving, a new survey shows we still haven't got the message — but if we did, we'd likely check it while driving.

The survey of more than 5,600 conducted by CAA Manitoba shows 99.7 per cent of respondents said they still see motorists talking or texting, virtually the same results a similar survey showed last year.

"The difference in this year's survey is that on a daily basis, 61.5 per cent of respondents said they see someone talking or texting while driving," said Liz Peters, Public and Government Affairs Manager for CAA Manitoba, noting an increase of ten per cent in sightings over 2011.

"But even though two full years have passed since the law came into effect, they say that motorist habits haven't changed much."

The survey also found 82.6 per cent of respondents think it's unlikely someone talking or texting will be caught by police, up 15 per cent since 2011. **METRO**

High Five! Metro spent the last two weeks scouring the city's exploding food truck scene for some tasty lunches. Here are five food trucks we love:

5 food trucks we love

1 Pizzapotomus

A slice of pizza as big as your plate and a bottle of water for $5 flat. This yellow truck on Broadway serves up a soft-doughed crispy crust topped with sauce, cheese, and toppings. Try a slice of the "Canadian," with thickly cut pepperoni, bacon, and mushrooms. The flavour seeped into the crust and filled each bite with the taste of authentic ingredients.

2 Little Bones

Just the smell is enough to make you fall in love. Little Bones Wingery is a food truck that boasts "The most fantastically phenomenal chicken wings on wheels" — a fitting slogan. Try From the Bayou and Buffalo flavours — a double order was $11. The best part about these wings: Every single one was cooked to perfection on the inside and then slathered with sauce. To find out where Little Bones will be, follow @LittleBonesWing on Twitter and Little Bones Wingery on Facebook.

3 Pimp My Rice

A fried egg yolk runs over a bed of rice and sweet cured pork, served with a side of cucumber and tomato. Your mouth will water just thinking about this new food truck's "Pork Tocino" ($7), the pork was juicy and filled with sweet flavour, balanced out by the egg and rice. For dessert try the "Turan" banana fritters (six for $5), soft bananas deep fried in pastry and sprinkled with powdered sugar. Flavour heaven.

4 Stuff It Foods

If you're really hungry, one of Winnipeg's newest food trucks has the answer — just stuff it. The Stuff It truck, usually found along Broadway over the lunch hour, offers unique and fresh made foods for under $10. Their specialty — the Stuff It sandwich — is a hollowed baguette stuffed with different fillings for $6. The Sweet Thai Chicken sandwich is delicious, especially when paired with their unique Cajun Fried Pickles or Frisky Fried Banana Peppers.

5 Lovey's BBQ

Messy is mandatory at this saucy meat and potato truck. The truck boasts wood-smoked meats (1/2 slab ribs $9, brisket $6, and pulled pork $6). Try thickly-shaved brisket on a soft bun, loaded with sweet barbeque sauce. The Tornado Potato ($4.50), an entire potato deep-fried on a stick, satisfies as a lightly seasoned alternative to fries. The truck can usually be found all summer at Main Street and McDermot Avenue.

Cereal comedy

Event offers sweet laughs

Snap, Crackle, Comedy! just might make milk come out of your nose.

The new weekly event — every Friday from midnight to 2 a.m. at Sugar Mountain on Corydon Avenue — sees Winnipeg stand-up comedians showing their favourite Saturday morning cartoons to a cereal eating audience.

"There are so many comedy nights popping up locally, which is great, but now that we have our bases covered we need to start doing more interesting, niche audience type things," said Melanie Dahling, Snap, Crackle, Comedy! co-ordinator, comedian and Sugar Mountain employee.

"I feel like this is going to force the comedians to branch out, think up new material and perhaps draw a different crowd."

Friday's show sees rap comedy duo Going Greene hosting He-Man and the Masters of the Universe.

Dahling says she's sticking to retro cartoons because many of Sugar Mountain's customers are looking for vintage, hard-to-find confectionary.

Also, there's the cheese factor.

"We all know these cartoons aren't good," Dahling said. "He-Man isn't a good cartoon. That's not why we watch it as adults. We watch it because it's hilarious. It's super homoerotic and he's completely infallible, not like superheroes today where they have actual challenges. Every episode is He-Man winning. He starts winning and he just keeps winning."

Admission to Snap, Crackle, Comedy! is $5, which includes a bowl of your favourite sugary cereal. Non-dairy milk substitutes will be available.

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Crime. Third suspect caught in garbage bin assault

Police say they've arrested the final suspect in the case that saw a man assaulted and left to die in a Spence neighbourhood garbage bin last weekend.

Emergency personnel were called to a back lane in the 500 block of Spence Street around 8:40 a.m. last Saturday where a 23-year-old man had been found in critical condition in a garbage bin suffering from multiple injuries.

The police investigation showed the victim had been with several people when a fight broke out and he was assaulted and left in the bin.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Arrested suspects

All three suspects — two 17-year-old males and a 15-year-old female — have been charged with attempted murder.

- One of the males has also been charged with breach of probation, and failing to report for a warrant.

Infected mosquitoes. First West Nile virus skeeters found in Manitoba

Manitoba Health's mosquito surveillance program has found this summer's first Culex tarsalis mosquitoes infected with West Nile virus.

The infected mosquitoes were collected during the week of July 1 from adult mosquito traps in Portage la Prairie and the Sandy Bay First Nation. No human cases of West Nile virus have been identified in Manitoba so far this summer.

Preliminary trap information for the week of July 8 shows the numbers of Culex tarsalis mosquitoes have increased in southern Manitoba slightly over the previous week, and the risk of exposure to West Nile virus is expected to increase in the coming weeks as well.

For more information about West Nile virus call Health Links at 1-888-315-9257.

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Dustin James, left, and Brad Kendall, two of Ramp Up Manitoba's co-founders (missing: Chris Johnson). LAUREN PARSONS/METRO

Local gymnast flips for American Girl

Shooting stars.
Panthers gymnast helped train film's star last summer

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A Winnipeg gymnast's first step into the film industry is debuting this Saturday.

Sydney Alexander, 12, spent two months working on American Girl: McKenna Shoots for the Stars last summer.

"It was a lot of fun," said Alexander. "There was a lot of pressure, and we had to do it over and over for the different camera angles, but after a while you get used to the repetition."

The film stars Jade Pettyjohn as McKenna, who Alexander was paired with to train for weeks prior to the film. The film also starred Ian Ziering, and Winnipeg's Nia Vardalos as McKenna's parents.

Alexander, who practises gymnastics 25 hours a week, acted as Pettyjohn's double for the more difficult gymnastics scenes. Several other girls from Panthers Gymnastics, Springers Gymnastics Club, and Fantastics Gymnastics were also featured as teammates and competitors in the film.

"A lot of my teammates worked really hard on the movie — it was fun to be with everyone," said Alexander. "All the crew, they were so friendly. I made a lot of new friends."

Even though she had fun working on the film, Alexander said she doesn't see herself working on more movies in the future.

American Girl is a popular line of dolls whose characters are featured in books and movies.

On TV

American Girl: McKenna Shoots for the Stars will air Saturday at 7 p.m. on NBC.

Sydney Alexander poses on her family's front lawn. LAUREN PARSONS/FOR METRO

Ramp Up Manitoba. New start-up aims to keep entrepreneurs at home

A new group forming in Winnipeg hopes to keep the techno-minded firmly anchored in the province.

"All around Winnipeg there's great ideas and great people — we want to connect these people together," said Brad Kendall, co-founder of Ramp Up Manitoba, a new not-for-profit technology entrepreneurship community in Winnipeg.

Kendall, along with Chris Johnson, and Dustin James created Ramp Up Manitoba as a place for people to network, bounce ideas off each other, and connect marketable ideas with the talent needed to launch them. Another aim of the Ramp Up is to keep entrepreneurs, developers, and designers in Winnipeg.

"I've been an entrepreneur for 11 years now. The problem with Winnipeg for me is a lack of community," said Kendall.

Chris Johnson said Ramp Up is something he and Kendall experienced first hand when they met at Startup Canada in June.

"There are a lot of guys out there who can build an app, or have an idea, but they aren't the ones to sell it," said Johnson. "Every Chris needs a Brad, and every Brad needs a Chris." Kendall has worked in the IT business specializing in hospitality, and recently made a smartphone app that allows restaurant patrons to change the channel on a restaurant's TV when the staff can't for one reason or the other.

Quoted

"When I realized it hadn't been done before — I thought, 'I have to do it.'"

Brad Kendall, co-founder of Ramp Up Manitoba, on what prompted him to make a smartphone app

"When I realized it hadn't been done before — I thought, I have to do it," he said.

Kendall was given the opportunity to present Ramp Up Manitoba in front of MP Tony Clement, President of the Canadian Treasury an Assentworks event Thursday morning at Red River College.

"If we put all these smart people in one room — things are going to happen," said Kendall.

The first Ramp Up Manitoba is taking place on July 17 at 6 p.m. at Tipping Canoe on Albert Street.

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Battle of the drivers

Town designates 'men only' parking

Triberg, a town in southwest Germany, has drawn accusations of sexism after designating two particularly tricky parking spaces "men only." The mayor says women would find it difficult to park there. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Misunderstanding?

Poster will remain despite criticism

A poster showing a baby with a Hitler moustache is staying up at Montreal's Just For Laughs Festival. The image had drawn the ire of B'nai Brith, with the group saying it conjured up disturbing memories. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A poster advertising the show in Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec student protest

Organizers to visit Ontario campuses

Quebec organizers responsible for the longest and largest student strike in Canadian history are taking their message to Ontario university campuses. The nine-day solidarity tour kicks off Thursday night in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Another tragedy

Toddler drowns in Quebec pool

Another Quebec infant has died after drowning in a swimming pool. The two-year-old girl drowned Thursday — just four days after an 18-month-old girl suffered the same fate and a week after a 16-month-old girl died. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Court ruling

B.C. drivers won't be compensated

Thousands of British Columbia drivers caught by drunk driving laws that a judge later declared unconstitutional won't be compensated for their financial losses, the B.C. Supreme Court has ruled. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Slow removal makes for interesting backdrop

Tourists relax on rocks in front of the Costa Concordia wreckage on the Giglio Island, Italy, on Thursday. Work has begun to remove the tons of rocky reef embedded into the cruise ship's hull, a first step in plans to eventually tow the wreck away from the island, where it ran aground last January. In a broadcast interview Tuesday, Concordia's captain Francesco Schettino described the collision as a "banal accident" in which "destiny" played a role. GREGORIO BORGIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Penn State officials showed 'disregard' for victims: Report

Sandusky scandal. Says further abuse could have been prevented had coach, staff acted after 1998 incident

Ex-Penn State coach Joe Paterno. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Joe Paterno and other top Penn State officials hushed up child sex abuse allegations against Jerry Sandusky more than a decade ago for fear of bad publicity, allowing the former assistant football coach to prey on other youngsters, according to a scathing report issued Thursday on the scandal.

"Our most saddening and sobering finding is the total disregard for the safety and welfare of Sandusky's child victims by the most senior leaders at Penn State," said former FBI Director Louis Freeh, who was hired to look into one of sports' biggest scandals.

The firm's 267-page report, following an eight-month probe, stated that sexual abuse might have been prevented if school officials had banned Sandusky from bringing children onto campus after a 1998 inquiry. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nigeria. Truck explosion kills at least 95 people

A truck carrying fuel veered off the road into a ditch, caught fire and exploded in Nigeria's oil-rich delta on Thursday, killing at least 95 people who had rushed to the scene to scoop fuel that had spilled, an official said, in a tragic reminder of how little of the country's oil wealth has trickled down to the poor.

At least 50 others were injured in the incident in the southern Niger Delta region, said Rivers State spokeswoman Ibim Semenitari.

Witnesses said some charred corpses were still lying in the area hours after the explosion, including bodies the size of children. "What did these small ones know about coming to scoop fuel?" wondered Alagoa Morris, coordinator at advocacy group Oil Watch Nigeria.

He said some women wailed at the scene of the explosion, desperately looking for their relatives. The location of some of the bodies suggested that they were trying to run away when fire consumed them, Morris added.

The fuel truck was trying to avoid a head-on collision with buses when it swerved into the ditch Thursday morning, said police spokesman Ben Ugwuegbulam. It then overturned, leaving its fuel to spill, and people immediately swarmed to the scene. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Missing prosperity

- Despite decades as an oil producing region, the majority of those living in the Niger Delta remain desperately poor.
- Anger has driven young people to attack foreign oil firms based there, and steal fuel.
- The OPEC member now pumps out about 2.4 million barrels of oil a day, making it Africa's biggest producer.

TD. Iranian community angered by bank bans

Iranian Canadians who've had their bank accounts with one of Canada's biggest banks closed, often without notice, say they feel they're being treated as second-class citizens in their own country.

Members of the community say TD Canada Trust began notifying a number of Iranian-Canadian clients in May that it would no longer provide them with banking services.

Some of the letters sent out earlier this month indicated the bank was closing the accounts in order to comply with Ottawa's economic sanctions against the Iranian regime.

"I've been a Canadian citizen for 10 years and this is the first time I'm feeling that I've been treated differently than a Canadian citizen," says Pooya Sadeghi, who moved to Toronto from Iran 14 years ago.

Sadeghi says the TD account he shared with his wife and her parents was closed two days before he received a letter from the bank on May 2.

"There was no explanation in our letter about why TD was closing the account," he said.

In the past few weeks he found out that many other Iranian Canadians had had their accounts closed in similar circumstances, and that the letters sent to them mentioned Canada's economic sanctions.

Many Western countries, including Canada, have imposed tough sanctions aimed at cracking down on Iran's nuclear program. Tehran says it is developing nuclear power for peaceful purposes, but the international community believes it wants to build a nuclear weapon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sounding off

"No Canadians should be subject to this. A discrimination and charter challenge should be in place."

A comment posted on TD's Facebook page

French Alps. Avalanche kills 9 mountain climbers

They set out before dawn, hoping to conquer a mountaineering classic: Mont Blanc, Western Europe's highest peak. But below the prized summit, a climber is believed to have accidentally caused a slab of ice to snap off, triggering an avalanche Thursday that swept nine climbers to their deaths and injured a dozen others.

As the sheet of snow and ice thundered down the steep slope, several other climbers managed to turn away from the slide in time, regional authorities in Haute-Savoie said.

Two climbers were rescued as emergency crews using dogs and helicopters scoured the churned-up, high-altitude area in a frantic search for the missing. Three Britons, three Germans, two Spaniards and one Swiss climber were among the dead.

Early summer storms left behind heavy snow that combined with high winds to form dangerous overhanging conditions on some of the popular climbing routes around Mont Blanc. Regional authorities had warned climbers to be careful because of an unusually snowy spring. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gendarmes use blankets to hide victims of an avalanche. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Supreme Court reins in array of copyright fees

Rights levy. Top court rules on five different cases involving tariffs set by the Copyright Board

The Supreme Court of Canada has reined in the application of copyright fees levied on music, movies, video games and printed materials that Canadians download and copy in different ways. The top court examined five different cases at once that touched on tariffs set by the Copyright Board.

One of the biggest cases involved ministers of education and school boards from across the country versus Access Copyright. The two siwdes had butted heads at the Copyright Board over how much schools had to pay for the right to photocopy parts of books for students.

In a 5-4 decision, the Court found that the Copyright Board had incorrectly treated teachers differently when they photocopied materials for their students, "driving an artificial wedge into these unified purposes of instruction and research/private study."

The four other cases involved the layering on of fees for works based on the way they are transmitted to the consumer.

The court decided unanimously that there should be no copyright fees levied on cable companies or other digital providers when music is downloaded, but that artists should be compensated when it is streamed online.

The music downloading and streaming decision was linked to another one that dealt with software companies that sell their video games online. The court found in a 5-4 decision that those firms shouldn't pay royalties for the music that's featured in those video games every time a consumer downloads a product online.

Finally, cable and other Internet providers should not have to pay fees when music downloaders listen to previews of songs. The court found unanimously that those previews constituted research and therefore did not infringe the Copyright Act.

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The industry is now owed roughly three cents for every song downloaded in Canada between 1996-2006, said a lawyer for Rogers Communications, one of the digital service providers that went up against songwriters' group SOCAN.

Protesters lay it on the line

Protesters of Occupy Boise block a pathway in Sun Valley Village during Allen & Company's Sun Valley Conference last July in Sun Valley, Idaho. Since 1983, the investment firm Allen & Company has annually hosted the media and technology conference which is usually attended by powerful media executives, many of whom began arriving in Sun Valley on Thursday for this year's event.

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Passwords leaked

Yahoo confirms security breach

Some 450,000 Yahoo users' email addresses and passwords have been leaked because of a security breach, the company confirmed Thursday, adding that just a small fraction of the stolen passwords were valid.

Yahoo said it is fixing the vulnerability that led to the disclosure, changing the passwords of affected Yahoo users, and notifying other companies whose users' accounts may have been compromised.

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Labour. Most new jobs high-quality: CIBC report

A new look at Canada's labour market reveals the first six months of 2012 has seen a big improvement in the quality of jobs that have been created.

It is already known that Canada's economy churned out 155,000 new jobs in the first half of this year, more than economists had expected, the CIBC says in its latest report on employment quality.

But the bigger surprise is that most of those jobs have been of the full-time and high-paying variety.

That is a break from past CIBC reports on job quality, which have tended to show that a higher proportion of employment created since the 2008-09 recession has tended to be in the lower-paying services sector, or has been part-time or self-employment.

The report cautions job quality is expected to fall back in the second half of this year, but for the moment there is something to celebrate in an overall glum economic landscape, said Benjamin Tal, CIBC's deputy chief economist.

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Earnings. Canadian banks under pressure

Canada's biggest banks are taking a closer look at ways to reduce their expenses this summer as they prepare for slower earnings growth, according to a new report from Barclays.

Analyst John Aiken, who released a broad overview of the country's banking industry on Thursday, said that cost controls are near the top of the list for the industry as it grapples with tighter revenues.

The banks will look at ways to make their technical operations more efficient to save time and money, but if that doesn't create enough savings, jobs could be in jeopardy, he suggested.

"If this environment continues, you may need to see some more dramatic cost-cutting measures put in place," Aiken said in an interview.

However, Aiken said that some banks are looking at routes such as changing variable compensation structures to defer some payments, rather than simply the more immediate relief of cutting jobs.

"Process improvement to create more efficiencies ... will take a longer time frame to reap the expected benefits," he noted.

Quoted

"If this environment continues, you may need to see some more dramatic cost-cutting measures put in place."

Barclays analyst John Aiken

Bank of Montreal chief executive Bill Downe highlighted the bank's continuing plans to lower costs across its operations as part of a long-term review that examines all of its businesses.

Some of those savings will be recognized through the closure of 24 of its U.S. BMO Harris bank branches in the U.S. Midwest, which is expected to trim $300 million US — though integration and restructuring costs are expected to be $600 million over the next few years.

National Bank and Royal Bank were also vocal about their cost-management plans.

The report said that TD Bank is likely to spend more attention on compensation plans that discourage risk-taking. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Food prices. Canadian farmers may benefit from U.S. drought

Drought conditions across large swaths of the United States and parts of Europe are raising concerns about a food-price shock later this year.

But while consumers brace to pay more for everything from cornflakes to bread and beef, many Canadian farmers hope to reap rewards from historically high grain prices.

Farmers south of the border will see just a fraction of the corn they expected in the spring when the ground was seeded, the U.S. Department of Agriculture warned earlier this week.

That prediction sent the price of corn through the roof — up by about 30 per cent compared with just three weeks ago. Almost all other grain commodity prices are higher as well.

But while some farmers are seeing bumper crops, others are facing drought conditions similar to those in the U.S.

Southern and Eastern Ontario are feeling it the most, said Agriculture and Agrifood Canada's Trevor Hadwen.

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SUN IS SHINING, THIS SPECIES IS SWEET

THE LIST
Mike Benhaim
Metro

1 **The Blacker the Berry...:** RIM CEO Thorsten Heins announced that the BlackBerry 10 launch will be delayed until the first quarter of 2013. Surely, this is a shrewd ploy to lure iPhone and Android producers into a false sense of success during peak purchasing season, before unleashing their messianic unicorn upon an economically depressed public just teeming with buyer's remorse. That'll show 'em.

2 **1,000 words:** There is nothing funny about the wildfires that ravaged the western U.S., but pictures of the disaster captured by astronauts have given the International Space Station the distinction of "most expensive camera" in the universe.

3 **Reverse psychology:** U.S. Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney was booed at the NAACP annual conference, and responded by saying, "If I don't stand for what they want, go vote for someone else." Nice strategy. I wonder if that could become his new campaign slogan.

4 **Katie's cruisin':** Kudos to the recently divorced Holmes and Tom Cruise for achieving a settlement that was quicker and more mature than a Kim Kardashian marriage.

5 **Career legacy:** After eight Oscar nominations, four Golden Globes, a BAFTA and an Emmy, 80-year-old, Royal Academy-trained Peter O'Toole, announced his retirement from showbiz this week. His statement triggered an immediate outcry on Twitter saying, "OMG. That's the dude that played the voice of Anton in Ratatouille."

6 **Behind the mask:** Rock star Marilyn Manson responded to a rumour that he was dating Avril Lavigne by saying, "F-that, she's Canadian," demonstrating once again the fine line between musical genius and complete ignoramus.

7 **Is this love?:** Among Caribbean coral reefs, there exists a small species of 'gnathiids' that will now be known as Gnathia marleyi. Paul Sikkel, marine biologist at Arkansas State University says he named them after Bob Marley because they are "a natural wonder and as uniquely Caribbean." I am sure that Bob's family cannot fathom a greater honour than to have his name attached to a parasitic crustacean blood feeder that infests fish.

8 **Spaced out:** Astronomers using NASA's Hubble Space Telescope discovered a fifth moon orbiting Pluto. I have absolutely no idea what this means.

9 **Muppet music:** Can you tell me how to get to Sesame Street? Well, it seems that all you need is a massive hit like Canadian sensation Carly Rae Jepsen's Call Me Maybe. A snack-inspired version entitled Share It Maybe, performed by the legendary Cookie Monster has received thousands of YouTube hits this week, solidifying the 45-year-old muppet's place in the annals of popular music. Eat your heart out, Marilyn Manson.

10 **Calling all students:** If you're not backpacking through Europe, make up an excuse for whatever lame internship you've taken, and hop on a flight to Jamaica in the next few days. It's Reggae Sumfest with R. Kelly, Lady Saw, Damian Marley, Trey Songz, and more. You're young. You may not remember it, but you won't regret it. Irie.

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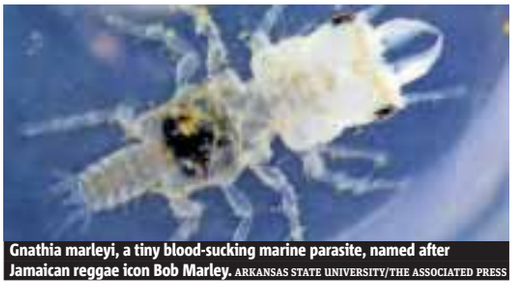

Gnathia marleyi, a tiny blood-sucking marine parasite, named after Jamaican reggae icon Bob Marley. ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alabama dogs play it cool

DAVE MARTIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTOS

Unleashed in the U.S.

Dog days of summer have just begun

An unidentified Great Dane inspects one of the many fountains at the new Alabama Dream Dog Park in Alabaster, Ala., Thursday.

The $500,000 US renovation creates a dog park with many unique features that include: custom-designed water splash pads to keep dogs cool during hot Alabama summers; a fetch football field with fire hydrant goal posts; a hill that dogs and owners can climb together to enjoy the view; a doggie wash station; and an adventure path with tunnels and agility hoops, among others.

The concept for the park came from former Shelby Humane Society executive director Jenny Wilson, who won the Beneful dream dog park contest.

"It's so much more than I could have ever imagined," Wilson told local media after taking her dogs Honey Belle and Baxter, through the park. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A dog runs through the fountains at the new Alabama Dream Dog Park. The park is complete with tables and water fountains — some tall enough for humans and some low enough for dogs.

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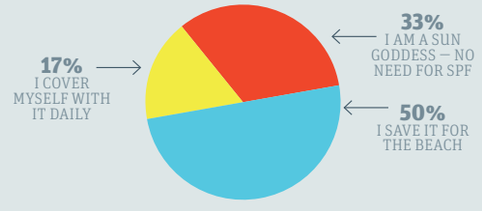

Twitter

@Darcy_Lussier: Someone tell Jeff to turn off CapsLock. RT @Jeff_Reinebold: STAMPS TONIGHT AT MOLSON, CALGARY IS A GREAT TEAM

@NYRmikey: When I play the lotto I only pick numbers of the New York Rangers. _#NYR_ _#iAMaRANGER

@raysadad: My poor iPhone 3GS spent a full 45 seconds completely submerged 2 days ago. Still very sick. Tips for me? _#allmystuffisonit

@KemiX7: Lmao just saw someone gardening with a steak knife... _#hardway

@haileyd20: I blame myself for these clouds today.. I killed 2 spiders yesterday. _#sorrytweeps

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Ice Age: Continental Drift suffers from a lazy script. HANDOUT

Critique

Children weigh in…

Forget what the crabby adults have to say, Ice Age: Continental Drift is aimed squarely at the kids. My sons — junior film critics Jack,5, and Elliot, 3, — joined Richard and I at a recent screening and had plenty to say about the experience. "I liked the 3D," said Jack, who usually tosses his glasses out of frustration mid-way through the film. As for little Elliot, at one point during Ice Age's relentless slapstick shtick, he laughed, shook his head, turned to me and in a voice loud enough that the entire theatre could hear him said "Dad, this is REALLY stupid!" Out of the mouths of babes….

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Ice Age pleases kids, freezes out adults

Tired and trite. Latest installment of this family franchise has the reviewers counting the years till these characters are extinct

Richard: Chris, I loved the Simpsons short that plays before Ice Age. It's a funny, gently paced thriller for kids with jokes that parents and film geeks will love. In fact, I wanted more of that and less of Ice Age. The main feature is nicely animated but is saddled with a story so by-the-book it feels like it would have been old hat even in the ice age. That's my take. You, however, had two of the world's youngest film critics with you. What did they think?

Chris: Indeed, I brought my sons Jack, 5, and Elliot,3, with me and as you'll read in the sidebar, they were more impressed than I. Now, I'd watch a movie about lawn darts if it was in 3D, so my eyeballs were pleased by all the razzle dazzle. But other than that … Ice Age left me kinda numb. And here's my biggest problem with the picture and all of the Ice Age films … Manny the Mammoth.... you can't see his mouth. He has NO expressions. The dullest animated hero in recent memory.

RC: Manny's not aided by a lazy script that feels like it was run through the Cliché-O-Matic. The theme — family and friends mean everything — has been done before and better. Couple that with jokes that come out of nowhere and feel tacked on, and you're left with a movie that is as lifeless as Manny's expression.

CA: Absolutely. It also doesn't help that dead-eyed Manny is voiced by Ray Romano, whose velvet tones remind me of a post-pubescent Kermit the Frog. The rest of the cast phones it in too (maybe literally!), obviously due in part to that sleepy script you've mentioned. The only one that registers is Game of Thrones' Peter Dinklage, who is monstrous and scuzzy as the pirate monkey Caption Gutt.

RC: Agreed. Dinklage is horrifying and scuzzy, in a good way. Also horrifying: they still have 20,000 years of history and sequel potential to go.

CA: Until they end up in space, right? But our gripes won't stop the kids from dragging their parents to it this weekend.

Synopsis

The movie begins the saber-toothed squirrel Scrat's efforts to protect his only possession — his prized acorn — lead to the great Continental Drift. As the earth shifts, woolly mammoth Manny (Ray Romano), Sid the sloth (John Leguizamo) and Diego the smilodon (Dennis Leary) get separated from their families. Their journey to reunite with their kin puts them directly into the path of ape pirate Captain Gutt (Peter Dinklage). Chris Alexander sits in for Mark Breslin.

- Richard: ●●○○○
- Chris: ●●○○○

2 SCENE

Scene in brief

Shaq is back — on TV

Cable channel truTV is putting Shaquille O'Neal on its team with a new series. The channel said Wednesday that it's ordered 10 episodes of Upload with Shaquille O'Neal, the working title for a series with the basketball star. Actors and comics Gary Owen and Godfrey will join O'Neal on the show. The trio, along with a weekly guest, will share funny videos they find online and create their own, truTV said. Pranks and pop culture parodies also will be part of the mix. In a statement, O'Neal promised Upload will "deliver big laughs." A debut date for the series was not announced.
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DreamWorks plans to bring Shrek, Kung Fu Panda to theme park at stalled New Jersey mall

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Comedy

To Rome with Love

Director. Woody Allen

Stars. Woody Allen, Penelope Cruz, Alec Baldwin

To Rome with Love is well-meaning, but feels like something Woody Allen would have written 40 years ago. It's an episodic screwball comedy with loads of characters, identity mix-ups and the comic's trademarked highbrow references — will today's audience get a Howard Roark joke? It has the same kind of farcical feel and references of his earlier work — look for older men paired with younger women, anxiety and discussions on foreign film — but written decades ago it might have been funnier.

RICHARD CROUSE

Comedy/Drama

The Intouchables

Director. Olivier Nakache

Stars. François Cluzet, Omar Sy Anne Le Ny

A massive box-office hit in its native France, The Intouchables mines a fascinating true-life story about a wealthy quadriplegic's friendship with his caregiver for slick populist uplift: it's a tear-jerking, subtitled version of The Odd Couple. Omar Sy and Francois Cluzet give polished performances in the leads, but the film is sentimental and manipulative — the fact that it is proudly and unashamedly so doesn't make it any less enervating.

ADAM NAYMAN

Christian Bale needs a moment alone to reflect

The Dark Knight Rises. Actor dishes about how he overcame his claustrophobia in the name of fighting crime and saving Gotham

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

For Christian Bale, who's played Batman three times now for Christopher Nolan, creating a role that redefined both the legendary character and the British actor, the last time he put on the bat suit was a lot like the first time — and in each instance he needed a bit of alone time. "The first time I ever put on the actual one myself I thought, 'Oh, Chris has to (re-do) the cast.' Because the claustrophobia was just unbelievable," Bale remembers.

"I stood there and I thought, 'I can't breathe, I can't think, this is too tight, this is squeezing my head, I'm gonna panic, I'm about to have a nervous breakdown, a panic attack right this second.' So I said, 'Can everyone just leave me alone for 20 minutes?'"

The break did the trick, as Bale estimates he's spent 21 months of his life under Batman's cowl — with some improvements over the years, like giving Bale the ability to take it off whenever he needed. And when the final day of shooting in the suit arrived — a scene that paired Bale with Anne Hathaway's Catwoman on a New York City rooftop — Bale found himself feeling a similar need for privacy, though for a different reason.

"I was wrapped, and I just went down and sat in a room and I realized, 'This is it. I'm not gonna be taking this cowl off again,'" Bale says. "So again, I said, 'Can you please leave me alone for 20 minutes?' and sat with that moment. It was a very important moment for me. It's been a very important character, and the movies themselves have changed my life and changed my career."

Speaking of time, Bale couldn't really tell you how long anything took to film in the massive superhero flick because he intentionally wasn't paying attention — in order to save his sanity.

On the web

Who was the best Batman and what villains are worthy of our fear – or scorn? Metro delved deep into the cavernous world of the caped crusader to mark the release of The Dark Knight Rises, in theatres next week. Scan this code or visit metronews.ca/features/the-dark-knight-rises.

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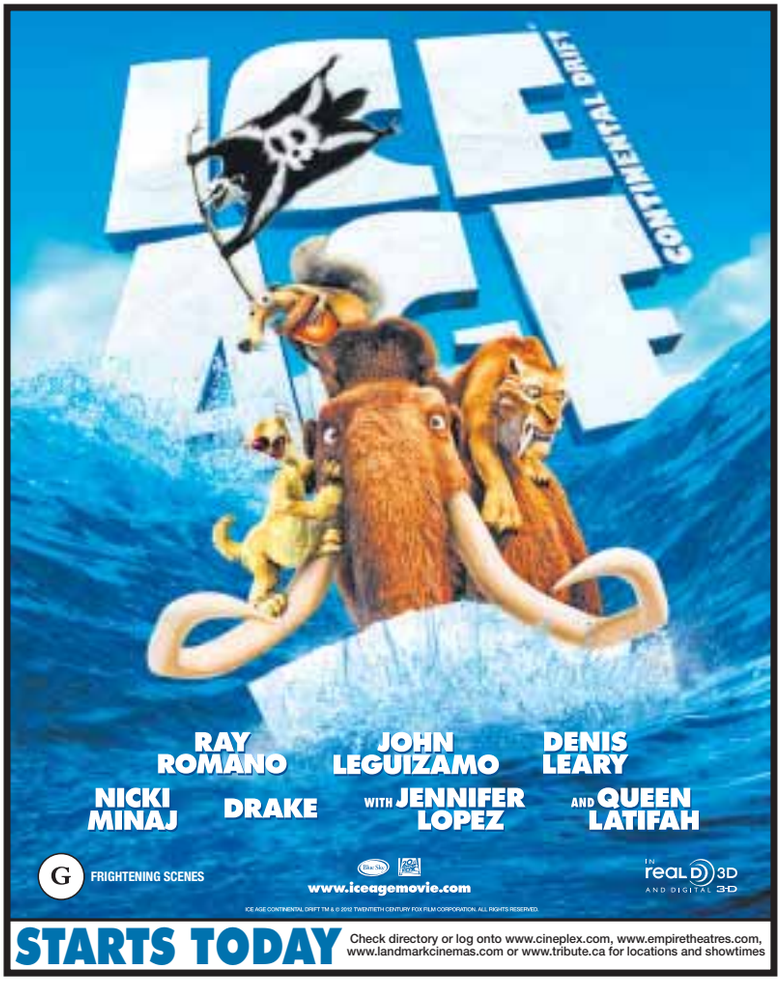
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Hathaway happy her claws took spotlight

Workouts. Catwoman actress says the focus was never on how sexy she looked, but rather on how she could fight

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Anne Hathaway. HANDOUT

When Anne Hathaway signed on to play Catwoman for The Dark Knight Rises, she quickly found out that the bar for physical preparation had already been set pretty high by her new co-star, Joseph Gordon-Levitt.

"When I got the part, Chris (Christopher Nolan) had called me into his office and said, 'OK, so, there's going to be a lot of fighting, and when we did Inception, Joe got in really good shape. Joe went to the gym for months so when he did his fight sequence he did all of his own fighting. I really liked that," Hathaway remembers.

"And I went, 'Gotcha, I'm reading between the lines here.' And I just went to the gym and came out when we wrapped."

But unlike with other female superhero roles, Hathaway relished the feeling that the focus was never on how sexy she looked.

"I don't know what other actresses have gone through, (but) I feel like sometimes there's a mandate that comes to you, an ideal of how you have to look, and the way I was treated on this movie was, 'learn how to do what you need to do, and then however you look that's the way the character looks,'" she says.

"And I just felt, as a woman, very protected in that way."

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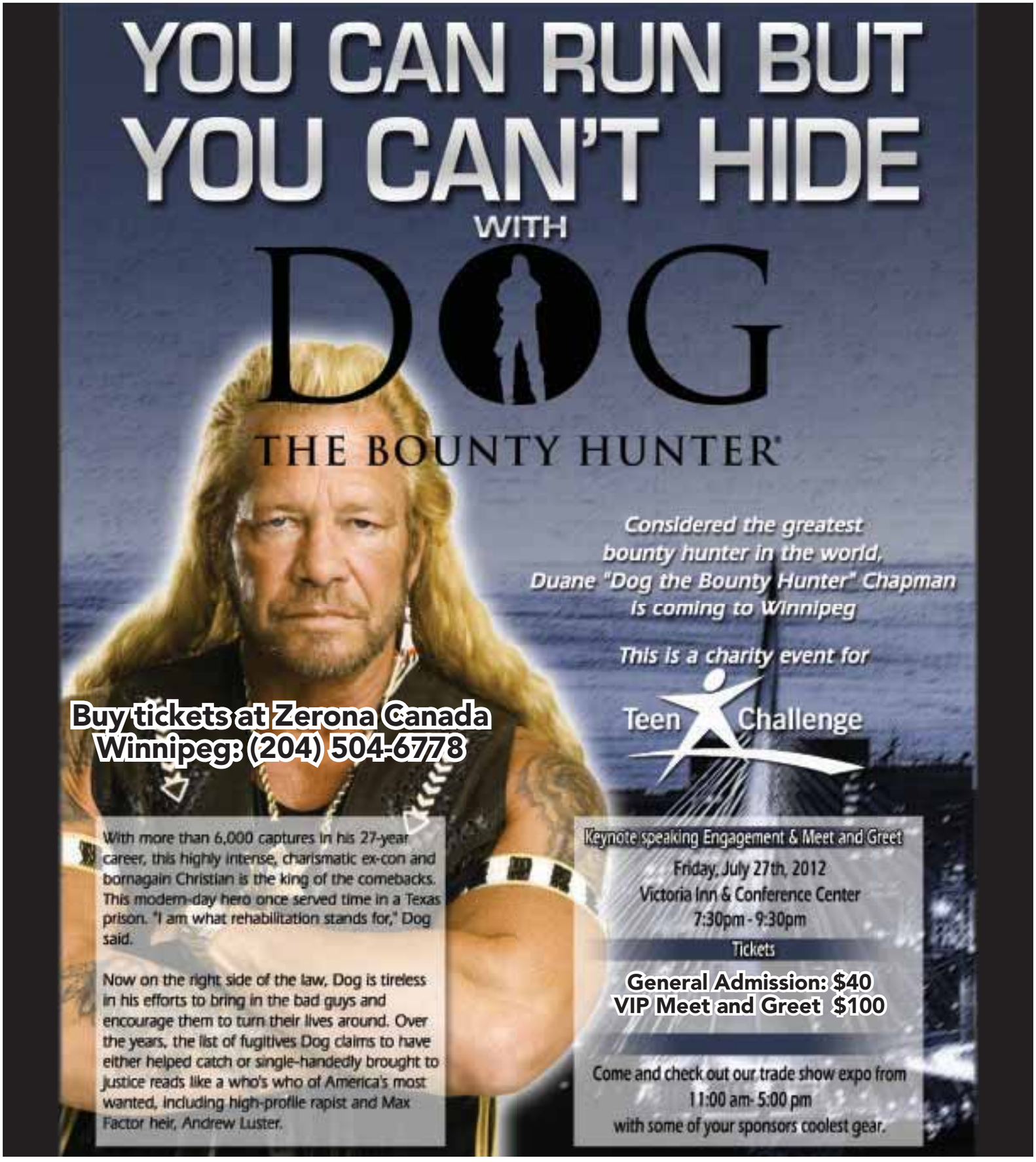
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Spider Man vs. Edward Cullen

Andrew Garfield might be young and British with hair you want to shove your face in, but don't compare the Amazing Spider-Man star to Robert Pattinson.

"The truth is, Andrew can't stand Rob. He hates that they're put in the same category because they're both English and around the same age," a source tells Us Weekly.

"Andrew considers himself a 'serious actor' and sees Rob as the equivalent of a cheesy boy-bander because of Twilight."

Spider-Man vs. Edward Cullen: Why do we have a feeling this ends in a snuggle pile of fangs?

More stripping may be in the cards for Channing

Channing Tatum isn't surprised his semi-autobiographical male stripper movie, Magic Mike, is a success — and he's already got a sequel planned.

"We're working on the concept now," he tells the U.K. edition of Glamour magazine. "We want to flip the script and make it bigger."

Meanwhile, Tatum is more than happy to throw his hat into the ring when it comes to who should star in the film adaptation of the steamy hit novel Fifty Shades of Grey — under the condition that he co-star with real-life wife Jenna Dewan. "I'd only be allowed if my wife was Ana. She's read the books so I don't think she'd be impressed if she couldn't be Ana," he tells the magazine.

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It's all about saving face, says attorney

Tom Cruise apparently knew Katie Holmes would win their divorce battle, which is why the pair reached a settlement so quickly, divorce attorney Debra Opri insists to Hollyscoop.

"Katie's main concern was getting sole custody of Suri, and Tom wanted to protect his public image and keep the divorce out of the media as much as possible," Opri says.

"In most celebrity divorces, image is the upmost concern because that is how they make their (income). In the end, they all want the same thing: to save their public image."

Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

More trouble in the Moore household?

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After her split from Ashton Kutcher and subsequent rehab trip, Demi Moore has been spotted out and about looking pretty great — or at least alive enough. But it seems not all is well with her family just yet.

"There's a wedge between Demi and her girls," a source tells Us Weekly of her daughters, Rumer, Scout and Tallulah.

According to the source, Demi didn't speak to them at Tallulah's high school graduation last month.

"Demi is beside herself over the situation," a family friend tells RadarOnline.com. "She hasn't spoken to Scout, Rumer or Tallulah for weeks now, they won't return any of her calls, emails or texts."

Rich people, take note: If your teenagers don't need your car for the weekend, it's quite possible that you will never hear from them again.

Liquid Assets

Polish vodka shows its sweet side

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I like ice cream as much as the next guy, but I never thought there would ever be a reason to want to make my own — until I read Ice Cream Happy Hour ($16.95, Ulysses Press) by Valerie Lum and Jenise Addison.

Though you'll need an ice cream maker to create these ladies' boozy treats from scratch, their simple, spirit-laden recipes are amazingly easy to create and open the door to dozens of cocktail-inspired desserts that scream summer.

If that all sounds too much like a Food Network series gone wrong, you can cheat your way to spiked frozen treats through a gazillion Internet recipes that mix pre-made ice cream with every imaginable combination of liqueurs and hard liquor.

Vodka is the foundation of many a creamy creation and one with a bit of guts adds to the glory of any icy, adult-oriented endeavor.

The Poles know their way around a neutral spirit and, apparently, so does actor Bruce Willis. Mr. Die Hard is a part owner of Sobieski ($22.62 - $27.98), Poland's top ranked, rye-based vodka that combined a muscular expression of flavour with a well-rounded, grainy personality.

Did I hear the ice cream truck?

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This recipe makes 12 sandwiches. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A whole new way to scream for ice cream

Summertime Ice Cream Sandwiches.
Add a bit more pizzazz to your fave frozen treats with cookies and sweet toppings

1. Heat the oven to 350 F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper or lightly coat with cooking spray.

2. Place 1/4 cup of the sugar in a shallow dish or pie pan. In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together the remaining 1 cup of sugar, the butter, vanilla, almond extract and rum until light and fluffy. Add the egg, scraping down the sides of the bowl and mixing until well incorporated. Stir in the flour, salt and baking powder.

3. Scoop the dough by the tablespoonful and form into balls. One at a time, place each ball of dough in the sugar in the shallow dish. Roll around until all sides are coated. Arrange the sugared balls of dough on the prepared baking sheet, leaving 2 inches between them to allow for spreading. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until the edges are just beginning to brown. Allow to cool on the baking sheet.

4. While the cookies cool, remove the sherbet or sorbet and ice cream from the freezer. One at a time, microwave for 10 to 15 seconds, or just long enough to soften. In a large bowl, combine the two flavours and use a rubber spatula to swirl them together. Do not overmix or completely blend them.

5. Overturn 1 cookie and place about 1 tablespoon of the ice cream mixture on it. Top with a second cookie and gently squeeze together. Return to the freezer until firm. If not serving right away, wrap tightly in plastic wrap and store in the freezer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1 1/4 cups sugar, divided
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp almond extract
- 2 tbsp spiced rum or brandy
- 1 egg
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 3/4 cup orange sherbet, raspberry sorbet or other fruity frozen dessert
- 3/4 cup vanilla ice cream

Chocolate sundae heaven

Whether homemade or store-bought, chocolate brownies are a favourite of many children and adults. Adding vanilla or mint ice cream will make a sundae that is sure to please everyone.

This is a fun dessert to make for family gatherings or for kids' parties.

The recipe serves one but to make more sundaes, simply multiply the ingredients by the number of servings that are needed.

1. Place bottom half of brownie on a dessert plate. Top with 1/2 scoop of the ice cream.

2. Top with remaining brownie half. Place remaining ice cream on top and drizzle with candy-shell chocolate topping. When topping is firm, drizzle with sundae syrup.

3. Garnish plate and dessert with toasted coconut and sprinkles, if using.

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Ingredients

- 1 brownie (5 by 7.5 cm/2 by 3 inches), split horizontally
- 1 scoop (125 ml/1/2 cup) vanilla or mint ice cream, softened, divided
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) candy-shell chocolate topping
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chocolate sundae syrup
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) toasted coco nut (optional)
- Sprinkles (optional)

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3 LIFE

Celebrate

A day just for frozen goodness

If you're looking for more of a reason to enjoy everyone's favourite summer treat, consider that this Sunday is National Ice Cream Day. Invented in 1984 by American president Ronald Reagan (who actually declared all of July National Ice Cream Month and the third Sunday in July National Ice Cream Day), the festivities have spread to Canada. Reagan recognized the popularity of ice cream in the United States (90 per cent of the nation's population consumes ice cream) and stated that these two events should be observed with "appropriate ceremonies and activities." Meanwhile, according to data from the NPD Group, Canadians ate more than 121 million servings of ice cream at quick-service restaurants in 2011.
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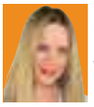
On the Web

Kids love ice cream even more with these tips for a frozen treat bar

Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill?
Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events.



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Get your claws on these

Summer is arguably the best time in Winnipeg for most, but it's even better when The Keg has its Lobster Summer on! If you go to the Keg on McGillivray Blvd., ask for Don, because he's a server who's got it going on and will be able to steer you in the right direction when it comes to lobster. P.S. If you're going to splurge, get the crab, Parmesan and spinach dip, it is totally worth the trip … and the baked goat cheese is delicious.

The circus is coming

The Cirque du Soleil bus is coming to town! The first showing of Quidam is July 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the MTS Centre. If you can't make it that night, no biggie, they have seven different shows you can check out. If you are a "Cirque virgin," get down there because there is no other act like theirs. And they're Canadian! Bonus.

Zumba in the Park

Ladies, if you have lost your mojo, this is a great way to shake things up, literally, and get your booty back in action. Gentlemen, if you are still living the bachelor life and looking for a fun, cool way to meet your match — not a bad place to go. Not only is there zumba, there's also yoga every Thursday at Memorial Park from noon to 12:45 p.m. Bring a mat, a friend, lots of water, and a few bucks for the instructor. Don't forget, karma goes a long way!

Dine. Fine.

Winnipeg is full of great casual dining restaurants, pubs and local greasy spoons, but if you're looking for an elegant night out, Terrace 55 is the place to go. In the pavilion in Assiniboine Park, Chef Simon Resch serves up pallet-pleasing dishes night after night in a beautiful glass-covered dining room. Terrace 55 supports local, green and sustainable farming; even their lentils are from Manitoba. This makes the experience so much more interesting as you learn all about where your food is from.

Honey, perogies and crafts, oh my!

Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Farmers' Market at the Red River Ex is the place to be if you're looking for goods so local they practically came from your own backyard. There you will find everything from fresh produce to baked goods to jewelry. Parking is a breeze ... and free, so check it out if you are looking for something cool to do on a sunny Saturday afternoon. The market runs all summer long!

Fringe it up

The Winnipeg Fringe Festival kicks off July 18 and runs until the 29th. Not only can you check out some awesome local talent, you can make a whole night of it. Each year, my fiancé parks in the heart of downtown, and we go wherever the wind takes us. The best part of Fringe is that everything is so close, and there are so many options. Guys, another great date idea ... and ladies, this is a notable night out with the girls.

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Week 3 primer

CFL EXTRA POINTS
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Chamblin a force on the sideline

The 2-0 Roughies host the undefeated B.C. Lions on Saturday. An upset win and a 3-0 record would certainly be impressive following a terrible 2011, and would likely trigger early lobbying for Corey Chamblin as coach of the year.

Road to recovery?

Four road games is no way to start the season, but this week the Bombers face the Edmonton Eskimos. The Esks managed just one point last week in Regina and should inspire the Winnipeg defence to rediscover its swagger.

No one buying Benevides' bluff

Mike Benevides, coach of the Lions, is calling the Riders the CFL's best team prior to the battle of 2-0 squads on Saturday in Regina. Nice try, but the Grey Cup champs are clearly the best until someone knocks them off.

Lavoie caps Als' late surge past Stampeders

CFL. Defensive first half gives way to late shootout with teams combining for five fourth-quarter TDs

Alouettes running back Brandon Whitaker is tackled by Calgary's Torrey Davis on Thursday in Montreal.
PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rookie fullback Patrick Lavoie caught a last-minute touchdown pass after a Jerald Brown interception as the Montreal Alouettes pulled out a 33-32 comeback victory over the Calgary Stampeders in CFL action on Thursday night.

The visiting Stampeders (1-2) led by 12 points with 2:48 left to play, but Montreal quarterback Anthony Calvillo hit S.J. Green with a seven-yard TD pass to close the gap to five before Brown picked off a Kevin Glenn pass and ran it to the Calgary one yard line.

It took Montreal (2-1) three tries before Lavoie caught, juggled and finally held on to Calvillo's game-winning toss with 48 seconds left to play.

Calgary back-up quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell scored two short-yardage touchdowns and Jon Cornish ran one in while Rene Paredes booted two field goals for Calgary, which beat Montreal 38-10 in its season opener on July 1.

The Calgary defence posted four sacks against a team that had allowed only one in their opening two games.

Brian Bratton also caught a touchdown pass and backup quarterback Adrian McPherson ran one in for Montreal.

A tight, defensive battle turned into an shootout in the fourth quarter as the teams combined for five TDs.

Glenn got his first start as a Stampeder by replacing Drew Tate, who suffered a shoulder injury in a loss last week in Toronto. He struggled early, but started finding his range late in the first half and brought the Stampeders back from a 13-3 deficit beginning late in the second quarter.

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Baseball. Ninth-inning heroics give Goldeyes victory over Saints

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The Winnipeg Goldeyes opened up the second half of the 2012 season with a dramatic 5-4 victory over the St. Paul Saints in front of 4,434 at Shaw Park. Thursday night's win was the fifth in a row for the Fish.

The Winnipeg offence came out strong in the first inning. With the Fish already up 1-0 and the bases loaded, Josh Mazzola hit a three-run double making the score 4-0.

The Saints quickly replied in the second with a two-run home run by Miles Durham and got a solo homer from Jose Hernandez in the third to make it 4-3.

The score remained the same until the top of the ninth when a wild pitch by Dexter Carter allowed Saints shortstop Tanner Townsend to get home making it 4-4, but Mazzola stepped up to the plate in the bottom of the ninth and smacked a walk-off home run giving the Fish the victory.

The Goldeyes improved to 31-20 on the season. The two teams will meet again on Friday at Shaw Park for the second of a four-game series.

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Triathalon

Whitfield given Canadian flag duty

Olympic triathlon champion Simon Whitfield will carry Canada's flag into the opening ceremonies at the London Olympics.

The 37-year-old from Kingston, Ont., won a gold medal for Canada at the 2000 Sydney Games and then captured a silver at the 2008 Beijing Games.

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4 SPORTS

Tennis

Raonic exits early from tune-up tourney

Canadian Milos Raonic was ousted from the Hall of Fame Tennis Championships on Thursday, losing 6-3, 6-3 to Germany's Benjamin Becker in the second round. Becker was able to beat third-seeded Raonic at his own game, firing seven aces to Raonic's five. Raonic, from Thornhill, was using the tournament as a tune-up for the London Olympics.

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Mobile sports

After signing Ray Allen and Rashard Lewis this week, Pat Riley has significantly improved the chances of his Miami Heat to repeat as champions. "Pat done it again," said Heat superstar LeBron James of Riley's ability to lure stars to South Beach at discount prices. Scan the code for the story.

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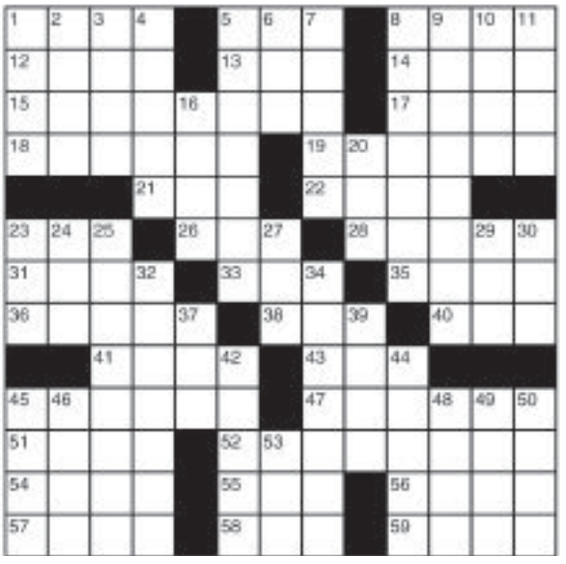

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

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This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A CARPENTER VISITS A LOCAL TAVERN, I SUPPOSE HE SHOULD ORDER A SCREWDRIVER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals Y

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Disputes of one kind or another are likely today and if you clash with someone in a position of power, you will come off second best.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. As Uranus, planet of the unexpected, begins its retrograde phase, you cannot afford to take anything you see or hear at face value.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Good news will come your way over the next 24 hours, but can you trust it? It's possible that there is a hidden catch of some kind, or something you must do in return.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Don't take anything for granted or take unnecessary risks. On the work front, especially, you cannot trust colleagues and employers to be totally honest with you. Watch your back.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You'll get the chance to do something a little bit different today, something in which you would not normally be interested. Don't spend more money on it than you can afford.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. The planets warn that an idea you have for improving your lot in life could actually make things worse than before. What happens this weekend will remind you of that.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. If you put your ego needs above everything else today, you will create resentment among partners and colleagues. Get ahead, but it must not be at other people's expense.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You may believe that all things are possible but what happens over the next 24 hours will remind you that not everything comes easy.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. A week or so from now, the Sun will move into one of the most positive areas of your chart. When it does, your confidence will soar.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You seem to be in a forgiving mood at the moment, but try not to give others the impression that you are going soft in your old age.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You need to accept that certain situations are too big and too complicated for you to handle on your own. Either ask for assistance or focus on things you know how to deal with.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Life has been good to you lately. But as Uranus turns retrograde today you must prepare yourself for some kind of surprise, and it may not be a welcome one. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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